

ticipate on the national effort to restore the Statue of Liberty, our Nation's most precious symbol of liberty and freedom. Our replicas are used by the INS and other institutions around the United States of America. The company made a new advancement in the art field, developing new reproduction methods using acrylic. This technology is only available in the United States, which gave our country the advantage in the art field. In 1986, I applied for and obtained a patent on a new technique of embodiment for acrylic sculptures. In 1988, my new company, Colbar Art Inc., consisted of 5 employees developed new technique and reproduction methods.

In 1989, my new company, Colbar Art Inc., began a project with the Buddhist Association of America in Carmel, NY, a project to build the biggest statue of the Buddha in the United States of America, which will stand 37 feet high. This project created new jobs for the company, the largest of its type in the United States. The project took 3 years to complete. At present through my company's efforts, the jobs created over the time increased year after year. At the present time, the company employs more than 30 people, among them, many are immigrants.

At present, my company is the largest manufacturer of Statue of Liberty replicas in the United States and a large number of my employees are working to preserve the beauty of our symbol of freedom. At the same time, the company is manufacturing the best high quality limited edition reproduction of acrylic sculptures, which are made only in our company.

A new challenge faces American companies and the challenge comes from the emerging economic power with low labor costs. In order to be more competitive in this market, American companies must find people to employ on a priority basis which mean American companies must be able to employ the right person at the right time. Any delay could greatly affect the success or failure of the company. Despite the low labor costs on other countries, I chose to keep the jobs in my country, America, giving back something that she gave to me. I thank my country for the opportunity that was given to me. American companies must do everything possible to make jobs available primarily for our people first.

Mr. Chairman and subcommittee members, I thank you very much for your time and I hope my experience will be seen as a positive contribution of one immigrant who loves this country.

13TH ANNUAL TUFTONIA'S WEEK CELEBRATION AT TUFTS UNIVERSITY

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, this week marks the 13th annual observance of Tuftonia's Week by Tufts University in Medford, MA, in which many Tufts alumni from around the world return to honor their outstanding university. This celebration has special meaning for me. My daughter, Kara, is a graduate of Tufts, and I've worked closely with many scholars at Tufts for many years on a wide variety of public policy issues. I am proud to count myself as a member of the Tufts family.

For the second year in a row, the theme of Tuftonia's Week is community service. Participants will honor the large number of Tufts graduates

across the country who are volunteering in their communities and helping to improve the lives of others in their neighborhoods through the TuftServe Program. Last year, Tufts alumni contributed more than 218,000 volunteer hours.

Tufts deserves great credit for its leadership among the Nation's universities in emphasizing service learning and providing opportunities for students to combine community service with their academic curriculum. Programs like TuftServe are the types of service initiatives that will be highlighted at the President's Summit for America's Future, beginning next Sunday, April 27. The summit will reaffirm our national commitment to community service. Every American should have the opportunity to participate in projects that help others and improve their community.

I congratulate Tufts for giving their students that opportunity. I am honored to take this opportunity to commend Tufts' President, John DiBiaggio, and the many others in the Tufts community for their impressive accomplishments in enhancing education and service.

LEGISLATION TO RESTORE ELIGIBILITY OF LEGAL IMMIGRANTS FOR SSI AND FOOD STAMPS

Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, last year, the President and Congress enacted welfare legislation which I said was welfare repeal, not welfare reform. At that time, researchers at the Urban Institute estimated 2.6 million people would fall below the poverty line because of the legislation, 1.1 million of them children. The same researchers projected that 3.5 million children would be dropped from the rolls in 2001 because of the time limits contained in the legislation.

During the debate last year, there was little attention given to the provisions concerning the eligibility of legal immigrants for benefits. These immigrants have come to America legally. They pay taxes and serve in our military. Yet the new law eliminates the eligibility of these immigrants—should misfortune strike them—for SSI and food stamps, and it severely limits their eligibility for TANF and Medicaid. Many legal immigrants affected by these restrictions are elderly. In my own State of New York, they might be frail disabled survivors of the Holocaust, or refugees from the former Soviet Union who are about to lose their only means of support. This situation has come to our attention now because it is among the first parts of the bill to be implemented.

The President has proposed restoring eligibility for SSI to those legal immigrants who become disabled after entering this country. He has also proposed permitting refugees and asylees additional time before becoming sub-

ject to the various restrictions, in light of the difficult circumstances under which they arrive on our shores. I support these proposals, although I regret that enactment of the welfare repeal law has made this new legislation necessary.

I am pleased to join with colleagues of both parties in introducing legislation to continue SSI and food stamp benefits to those legal immigrants already receiving them and to permanently exempt refugees and asylees from the eligibility restrictions. This is a good first step in addressing the immediate and pressing needs of these immigrants, and I urge our fellow Senators to join us in this effort. It represents the beginning of a bipartisan discussion on how to address this issue, and I commend the legislation to the Senate.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 1997, the Secretary of the Senate on April 18, 1997, received a message from the President of the United States submitting a withdrawal and a nomination which was referred to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

The nomination received on April 18, 1997, is shown in today's RECORD at the end of the Senate proceedings.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 1997, the Secretary of the Senate, on April 18, 1997, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1003. An act to clarify Federal law with respect to restricting the use of Federal funds in support of assisted suicide.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 1997, the enrolled bill was signed on April 21, 1997, during the adjournment of the Senate by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1592. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Agency Compliance with the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1593. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Navajo Reclamation Plan" (NA-003-FOR) received on April 9, 1997; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1594. A communication from the Acting General Counsel of the Department of Energy, transmitting, a draft of the proposed legislation entitled "The Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Repeal Act"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1595. A communication from the Chair of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule received on April 7, 1997; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1596. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the program plan for the Russian Reactor Core Conversion Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1597. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's automated information systems; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1598. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation of revisions to the appointment of Members to the National Ocean Research Leadership Council; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1599. A communication from the Director of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Pilot Program Policy" received on April 10, 1997; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1600. A communication from the Director of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Military Recruiting" received on April 10, 1997; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1601. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The Arizona Bureau of Land Management Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1997"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1602. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on equitable relief for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1603. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting,

pursuant to law, a report on enhanced-use leasing; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1604. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Veterans' Education" (RIN2900-AI55) received on March 26, 1997; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1605. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Upgraded Discharges" (RIN2900-AI40) received on March 25, 1997; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1606. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Vocational Rehabilitation" (RIN2900-AI29) received on April 7, 1997; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1607. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Reduction of Debt" (RIN2900-AF29) received on April 1, 1997; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1608. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Medical; Nonsubstantive Miscellaneous Changes" (RIN2900-AI37) received on April 7, 1997; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1609. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Retroactive Payments" (RIN2900-AI57) received on April 14, 1997; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1610. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Removal of Certain Limitations" (RIN2900-AI61) received on April 14, 1997; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1611. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Pension and Welfare Benefits, transmitting, pursuant to law, two rules including a rule entitled "Health Insurance Portability" (RIN1210-0054, AA55) received on April 14, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1612. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Health Services Research" (RIN0919-AA00) received on March 25, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1613. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy, Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, five rules including a rule entitled "Medical Devices" (RIN0919-AA09, AA19, AA53, AA29); to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1614. A communication from the Director of the National Science Foundation, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "The National Science Foundation Authorization for fiscal years 1998 and 1999"; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1615. A communication from the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts and Member of the Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities, transmitting, pur-

suant to law, the report on the Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Program for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1616. A communication from the Director of the Office of Communication and Legislative Affairs, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Procedures for Previously Exempt State and Local Government Employee Complaints" (RIN3046-AA45) received on April 8, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1617. A communication from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets" received on April 9, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-1618. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Labor (Chairman of the Board) and the Acting Executive Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-50. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Georgia; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the State of Georgia and other states have a constitutional provision that prohibits its legislative body from creating a budget deficit in its appropriations process; and

Whereas, the State of Georgia has various constitutional and statutory constraints relative to debt financing which require the state to maintain a very tight credit strategy; and

Whereas, the economic welfare of the United States and its citizens depends on a stable dollar and a sound economy; and

Whereas, the federal budget deficit has had a deleterious impact on the nation's financial health and has impeded severely investment productivity and growth; and

Whereas, the Georgia General Assembly has supported an amendment requiring a balanced federal budget for many years, having specifically applied to the United States Congress to call a convention for the purpose of proposing such an amendment in 1976: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate That the members of this body urge the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives to adopt the balanced budget amendment; be it further

Resolved That the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the Senate of the United States Congress, the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, and to each member of the Georgia congressional delegation.

POM-51. Petitions from citizens of the United States relative to the Personal Responsibility Act of 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted: